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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING: MAJOR EXPORT PROJECT: COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEMS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ENGINEER ALAWI, PRESIDENT OF TELEPHONE AND
TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, ECONOFF LEARNED
OF 7 PROPOSED PROJECTS IN COMMUNICATIONS. TOTAL COSTS OF PROJECTS
D.N. 20 MILLION TO BE FINANCED FROM FRG LOAN. ALAWI FEELS PROJECTS
CAN BE COMPLETED IN THREE TO FIVE YEARS.

2. SIEMENS HAS HAD VIRTUAL MONOPOLY ON COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
IN AFGHANISTAN IN PAST. ALAWI STRESSES GOA EFFORTS TO EVALUATE OTHER
SOURCES OF SUPPLY CITING EXAMPLE OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS RECENT
PURCHASE OF 25 TELEPRINTERS FROM INDIA.

3. POST WILL FILE TRADE OPPORTUNITY WHEN TENDER DOCUMENTS
AVAILABLE-PROBABLY WITHIN MONTH. FOR PRESENT, FOLLOWING IS
ROUGH DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS:

A. ADDITIONAL 4,000 TELEPHONE LINES TO BE INSTALLED
IN NORTHERN KABUL.

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B. ADDITIONAL 5,000 TELEPHONE LINES TO BE INSTALLED

IN SOUTHERN KABUL AREA.

C. ADDITIONAL 1,200 LONES TO BE INSTALLED IN KABUL
NORTHWESTERN SUBURBAN AREA.

D. MF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TO BE INSTALLED WITH 20 OR
30 KW TRANSMITTER AND THREE OR FOUR RECEIVERS.

E. AT LEAST 3,000 NEW TELEPHONE LINES (TOTAL) TO BE
INSTALLED IN REPART, KANDAHAR, AND MAZAR-I-SHARIF.

F. COPPER WIRE CARRIER SYSTEM TO BE EXTENDED FROM MAZAR-
I-SHARIF TO MAIMANA.

G. COPPER WIRE CARRIER SYSTEM TO BE EXTENDED FROM
TALIQAN TO FAIZABAD.

4. FOR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSES. PLEASE PASS INFORMATION TO
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